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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 19, 2008. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-7 (in part), drawn to a method for detecting a predisposition to liver disease by analyzing a genotype of keratin K8 by analyzing nucleic acids.

Group II: Claims 1-7 (in part), drawn to a method for detecting a predisposition to liver disease by analyzing a genotype of keratin K18 by analyzing nucleic acids.

Group III: Claims 1-5 and 8 (in part), drawn to a method for detecting a predisposition to liver disease by analyzing a genotype of keratin K8 by analyzing proteins.

Group IV: Claims 1-5 and 8 (in part), drawn to a method for detecting a predisposition to liver disease by analyzing a genotype of keratin K18 by analyzing proteins.

Group V: Claims 1-5 (in part), drawn to a method for detecting a predisposition to liver disease by analyzing a phenotype of keratin K8.

Group VI: Claims 1-5 (in part), drawn to a method for detecting a predisposition to liver disease by analyzing a phenotype of keratin K18.

Group VII: Claim 9 (in part), drawn to a method for screening for an agent that affects susceptibility to liver disease by contacting a polypeptide with an agent.

Group VIII: Claim 9 (in part), drawn to a method for screening for an agent that affects susceptibility to liver disease by contacting a cell comprising a nucleic acid with an agent.

Group IX: Claim 9 (in part), drawn to a method for screening for an agent that affects susceptibility to liver disease by contacting a non-human transgenic animal with

an agent

Group X: Claims 10-12, drawn to a polypeptide.

Group XI: Claim 13, drawn to an antibody.

Group XII: Claim 14, drawn to a polynucleotide.